

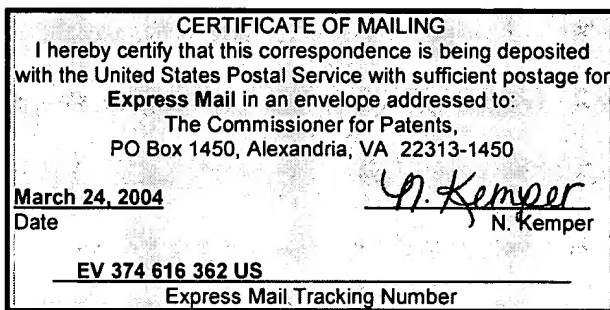


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Appl. No. : 09/677,375 Confirmation No.: 2478
Applicant : Bell *et al.*
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 31, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections and provide the following remarks and arguments.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.